

In re Application of MADHAVAPEDDI et al.
Serial No. 09/537,995

REMARKS

The Office action has been carefully considered. The Office action rejected claims 1-10 and 12-41 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Ravikanth, U.S. Patent No. 6,327,274 (hereinafter "Ravikanth"). The Office action objected to claim 11 for being dependent upon a rejected base claim, and indicated it would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that the subject matter recited in claim 11 is allowable. By present amendment, claims 7, 10, 11, and 19-41 have been canceled; and claims 1, 9, and 10 have been amended. Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 11 and intervening claims 7 and 10; and claims 7, 10 and 11 were canceled as duplicative. Consequently, claims 8 and 9 were also amended to properly refer to amended claim 1, rather than to canceled claim 7. Applicants submit that all the pending claims now include the allowable subject matter indicated.

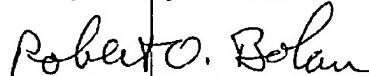
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-6, 8-9, and 12-18 are patentable over the prior art of record, and that the application is in good and proper form for allowance. A favorable action on the part of the Examiner is earnestly solicited.

If in the opinion of the Examiner a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (425) 836-3030.

Respectfully submitted,



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